

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

✠ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠
Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Grant, merciful Lord, pardon and peace to Your faithful people as they bear Your cross and follow You as Your disciples. Cleanse us from our sins to serve You with a quiet mind, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements & Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 121

L Blessed is the one who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers.

C But their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

L They are like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

C In all that they do, they prosper. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous.

ALL Come, let us delight in the Lord and worship Him who gives life!

Opening Song

“Here I Am to Worship”

Verse 1

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Verse 2

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.

Chorus

Bridge

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.

Chorus (2x)

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes and His rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Philemon 1–21

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and He turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to

finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.

“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Song of the Day

“Who You Say I Am”

- 1 Who am I that the highest King
would welcome me.
I was lost, but He brought me in.
Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.

Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed.
I’m a child of God. Yes, I am.

- 2 Free at last, He has ransomed me.
His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin,
Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.

Chorus 2

Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed.
I’m a child of God. Yes, I am.
In my Father’s house there’s a place for me.
I’m a child of God. Yes, I am.

Bridge

I am chosen, not forsaken.
I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me.
I am who You say I am. (Repeat)
I am who You say I am.

Chorus 2

In my Father’s house there’s a place for me.
I’m a child of God. Yes, I am.

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Sermon

“The Cost of Discipleship”

Song of Response

“Your Grace Is Enough”

- 1 Great is Your faithfulness, O God;
You wrestle with the sinner’s restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart.

Pre-Chorus

So remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise O God.

Chorus

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough, for me.

- 2 Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob;
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
And all Your people sing along.

Pre-Chorus/Chorus (2x)

Pre-Chorus/Chorus

Chorus 2

Yeah, Your grace is enough;
Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing: Your grace is enough;
I’m covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

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Confession of Sins and Absolution

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19–23*
C **Amen.**

Children's Message

Offering

Offertory Song

Where You go, I'll go;
Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move; I will follow.

Verse 1

All Your ways are good,
All Your ways are sure;
I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight,
High above my life;
I will trust in You alone.

Chorus

Where You go, I'll go;
Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move; I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love;
How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow You.
I will follow You.

"I Will Follow"

Verse 2

Light into the world,
Light into my life,
I will live for You alone.
You're the One I seek,
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone.
In You alone.

Chorus

Bridge

In You, there's life everlasting.
In You, there's freedom for my soul.
In You, there's joy, unending joy.
And I will follow.

Chorus (2x)

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Prayer of the Church

- ☩ Thanksgiving for the baptism of Caroline Grace Brickler, daughter of Matt & Lauren Brickler.
☩ Thanksgiving for the 34th wedding anniversary of Mark and Kathy Harder (Sept. 7).
☩ Jane Keathley who is hospitalized, mother of Mike Keathley.
☩ All who mourn the death of Annette Brunkhorst.
☩ All who mourn the death of Paula Cottom.

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

Numbers 6:24-26

Closing Song

“Great Things”

Verse 1

**Come, let us worship our King.
Come, let us bow at His feet.
He has done great things.
See what our Savior has done,
See how His love overcomes.
He has done great things.
He has done great things.**

Chorus

**O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave.
You free every captive and break every chain.
O God, You have done great things.
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.
O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high.
O God, You have done great things.**

Verse 2

**You've been faithful through every storm.
You'll be faithful forevermore.
You have done great things.
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is Yes and Amen.
You will do great things. God, You do great things.**

Chorus

Bridge

**Hallelujah, God above it all!
Hallelujah, God unshakable!
Hallelujah, You have done great things! (REPEAT)**

You've done great things!

Chorus

**You have done great things.
O, God You do great things**

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**Preacher
Presiding Minister
Instrumentalists**

**Pastor Thompson
Rev. Dr. Paul Sieveking
Mike Peper, guitar
Savannah Richards, piano
Ben Rudzinski, percussion
Leslie Rudzinski. Darren Meyer, Amory Richards, vocals
Ben Rudzinski**

Sound

We rejoice in the following Baptism in the Sanctuary this weekend!

✠ Caroline Grace Brickler ✠
Daughter of Matthew and Lauren Brickler
Sponsors Connor and Ariel Brickler

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